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Dear Dr. Godlee and Dr. Ludwig,

On behalf of our co-authors, we are pleased to submit our revised manuscript entitled “**Heterogeneous Trends in Burden of Heart Disease Mortality by Subtypes in the United States, 1999-2018: Observational Analysis of Vital Statistics,**” for consideration for publication in *The BMJ*.

We thank the editorial team for the opportunity to submit a revised manuscript. We have revised the manuscript in response to the thoughtful comments from the manuscript committee and reviewers, and believe the revisions have substantially improved the quality of our paper. We have also enclosed an itemized response to each comment.

This manuscript has not been previously been published either formally or in a pre-print server. All authors participated in the preparation of the manuscript and revision and meet criteria for authorship. As a group, we have no competing interests to report.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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